5. Reserves in expanding urban areas

Recognizing the importance for research and teaching purposes of nature reserves especially when situated within reach of universities and colleges,

but recognizing the frequent difficulty of maintaining such reserves in the face of engulfing urban growth,

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urges the assistance in this matter of local governmental and other authorities, and **requests** them to ensure such maintenance by appropriate planning controls, resisting voracious exploitation, and, w herever possible, linking reserves in urban areas with open-space systems.